

## **Montana Progress**

### **Montana's Graduation Rate:**

Increased from 80.7 percent in 2009 to 84.4 percent in 2013

### **Montana's Dropout Rate:**

- Decreased from 5 percent in 2009 to 3.6 percent in 2013 (772 fewer students)
- Economic Impact: \$4.3 million annual boost to the state's economy, and an increase in graduates' lifetime earnings of \$68.2 million

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#### Graduation Matters Great Falls:

Number of drop outs cut by 50 percent within 18 months of implementing the GMM model

#### Graduation Matters Missoula:

Graduation rate of American Indian students increase from 56 percent in 2007 to 82.2 percent in 2013

### • Graduation Matters Belgrade:

Graduation rate rose seven percentage points, from 77.3 percent to 84.1 percent in the last two years

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	2005	2012
Kindergarten Readiness	44%	53%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading	55%	71%
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	37%	61%
High School Graduation Rates	72%	82%
College Completion Rates	47%	56%

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# **Key Questions**

Do we honestly know why?

If so, how do we sustain and build on what works?

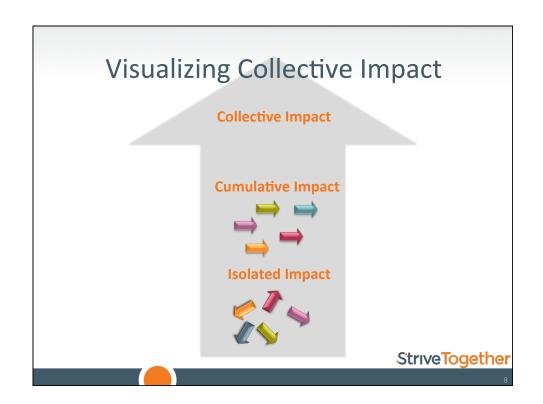
Where do we innovate?

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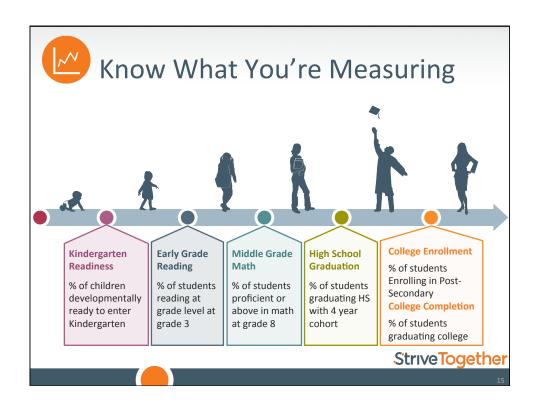


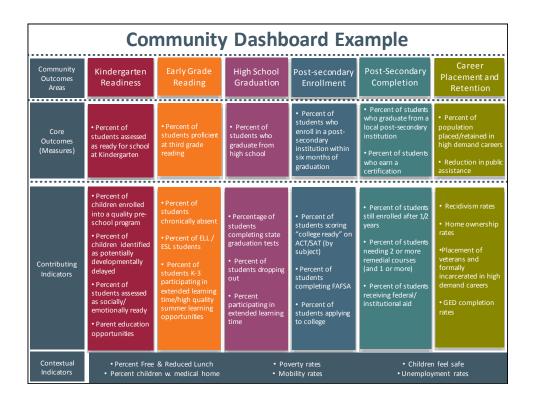


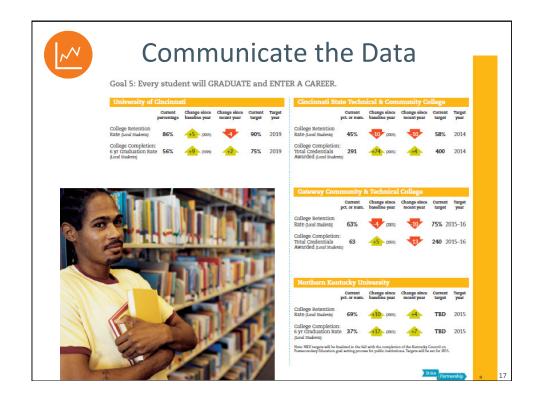














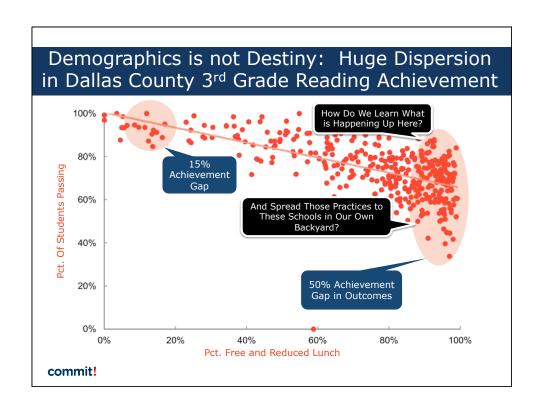


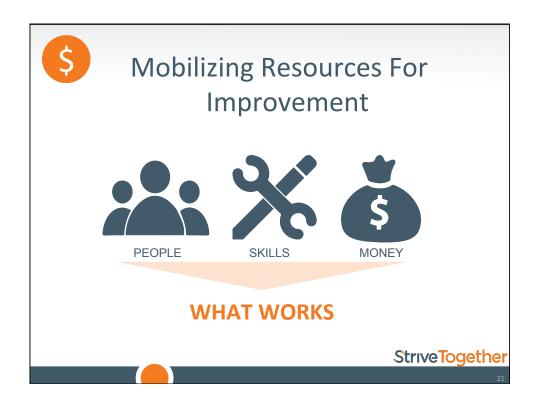
## **Example Action: College Enrollment**

- Convene programs and services focused on college enrollment
- Review local program data on types of services impacting college enrollment
- Found the completion of financial aid forms most directly correlates to enrollment
- Build concrete action plan so existing programs

   including schools ensure students apply for financial aid

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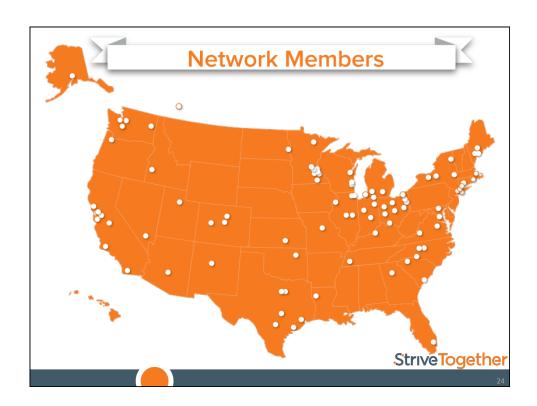


## **Sites Making Significant Progress**

- Emerging: Fort Wayne & Red Wing
  - Partners focused on getting early wins using data
- Sustaining: Portland & Albuquerque
  - Investors focused on working with practitioners to identify/scale practices
  - Alignment with existing efforts
- Systems Change: Cincinnati
  - Focused on big wins by building on what works

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### **Three Critical Lessons**

- Courageous Conversations:
   "Partnerships move at the speed of trust."
- Culture of Continuous Improvement: "Data is a flashlight, not a hammer."
- Backbone Function v. Backbone Organization:

"Stop the race to the backbone."



